



“THE GIFTS”

Glorify God

Pt. 1

Text: Romans 12:3-5

Definition of spiritual gifts: Spiritual gifts are channels by which God's "grace" comes to the church for the purpose of edifying the the believer, maturing the church and glorifying God.

This last passage we will be teaching on about spiritual gifts in vs 3-8 has to do with how our gifts are used to glorify God.

Spiritual gifts should be used to glorify God, but how?

Through humility. It is through humility that helps us understand the importance of the spiritual gifts and it is through humility that we use them in the body of Christ. It is through having this right attitude that glorifies God in our use of the spiritual gifts.

Take away for today: _____

Context of Romans 12

- Chapters 1-11, Paul has laid down the doctrinal foundation for the lifestyle for those who know Christ. Chapter 12 begins with a call now to live like you have been transformed by the mercy of God.
- He calls us to change the way we think in vs 1-2.
- He calls for a lifestyle characterized by worship, worship expressed in self-sacrificial service. This service must first and foremost be to God, expressed through service to others. Our service of worship should be the logical outflow of God's Word and His work in our lives.
- This service to others is laid out for us in how the spiritual gifts are used in the body vs 3-8

Questions for further reflection

What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching?

What are your thoughts of the grace that has been given to you? Are your thoughts of God's grace biblical?

What role is humility and faith playing currently in the use of your spiritual gifts?

How are you currently developing and deepening the relationships in the church body?

#1 Change your thinking about God's _____ that has been given to you. Vs 3

What kind of grace is Paul talking about here? Is he talking about salvation? No it's in reference to _____.

What does grace have to do with spiritual gifts?

- Spiritual gifts are gifts of grace. "Grace" is the root (_____) on which the term "spiritual gifts" (_____) is built. Spiritual gifts are sovereignly given as gifts of grace. Spiritual gifts are _____ and not an evidence of our _____.
- Paul is calling for us to change our thinking. He wants us to have a sober _____. Paul calls for sound thinking which is based upon _____ (not thinking too highly of ourselves) and _____ (the measure of faith that has been given to us). This is the natural outworking of our gifts as we use them in faith.
- So we are being challenged to change our thinking about the grace that has been given us in relation to our spiritual gifts. This is accomplished by having true humility, recognizing that all that we have and are, all that we will ever accomplish, is by _____

#2 Change your thinking about _____ Vs 4

- Once we start thinking correctly about the grace of God, it has a profound impact in how we _____

• The church is not an _____,
but rather an _____. Organisms are
highly organized, but in addition, they have life. Connected
vitality to _____,
the church shares His life in us. **This means:**

- We become members of the body through the _____, which unites us to all other regenerated people.
- When a person is born again, they are _____ into God's family. All other believers become their _____.
- Truth is if you have not been born again, you are not _____.
If you have not been born again you are _____, not _____, and under the _____.

#3 Change your thinking about the _____ that you have with _____. Vs 4-5

- God has not called us to be Christians in _____, but in _____ with one another.
- The church is a body, which implies a deeper level of _____ and _____.
- A body does not _____ when its members are not connected with one another.
- The principle of the body means that we need to be _____ with some other members of the body for the purpose of mutual _____ in Christ.
- The principle of the body means that we need _____ to _____ and _____ strong against the enemy. But to admit that and practice it requires _____.
- The phrase one another is used _____ times in Scripture.

#4 Change your thinking about the _____ of functioning in the body Vs 5

- This one body is made up of _____ members, each having _____ interdependent functions for the well-being of the whole body.
- We are interdependent and we need one another for the body to _____. But it takes _____ to recognize this and make it work, because our _____ makes us want to be independent and not let anyone know that we need him or her.
- The benefit of having each other is we _____ one another and _____ each other _____.